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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES INRC  
RESPONSE TO ARGENTINE INVITATION.

1. THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION FURNISHED DEPARTMENT A COPY  
OF OAS INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RESPONSE TO  
ARGENTINE INVITATION.

2. AFTER EXPRESSING INTEREST IN SUCH A VISIT, THE COM-  
MISSION'S REPLY SET OUT A LIST OF QUESTIONS REGARDING  
THE CONDITIONS OF THE VISIT.

A) COULD THE SPECIAL COMMISSION OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS  
INTERVIEW FREELY AND PRIVATELY PERSONS, GROUPS AND  
ENTITIES AND INSTITUTIONS?

B) WOULD ARGENTINA BE DISPOSED TO GRANT GUARANTEES TO ALL  
WHO FURNISH INFORMATION, TESTIMONIES OR PROOFS OF WHATEVER  
CHARACTER?

C) COULD THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TRAVEL  
FREELY THROUGH THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WITH OFFICIAL  
DOCUMENTATION FURNISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT?

D) COULD THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION HAVE  
ACCESS TO JAILS AND ALL OTHER DETENTION SITES AND  
WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO INTERVIEW PRIVATELY PERSONS  
DETAINED OR IMPRISONED?

E) WOULD THE GOVERNMENT BE DISPOSED TO GRANT THE SPECIAL  
COMMISSION WHATEVER DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION, RELATED  
TO THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT WOULD BE  
CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR THE PREPARATION OF THEIR REPORT?

F) COULD THE SPECIAL COMMISSION UTILIZE WHATEVER MEANS  
APPROPRIATE TO COLLECT RECORDS AND REPRODUCE THE  
INFORMATION THAT IT CONSIDERS OPPORTUNE?

G) WOULD THE GOVERNMENT BE DISPOSED TO GIVE GUARANTEES AND  
FACILITIES WITH REFERENCE TO LETTERS D, H AND I OF  
RESOLUTION CONCERNING ON-SITE OBSERVATIONS ADOPTED BY THE  
COMMISSION?

3. THE COMMISSION NOTED THAT IT HAS APPLIED THE SAME  
RULES IN ALL OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH IT HAS VISITED, AND  
ASKED FOR AN ARGENTINE RESPONSE TO THIS COMMUNICATION  
ASAP OR, IN ANY CASE, NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 25 WHEN IT  
WILL BEGIN A NEW SESSION. VANCE

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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